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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Alan A. Mathews

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The US Patent Application Publication cited in Applicant's PTO-1449 filed March 16, 2005, has a missing number in the reference 2003-141769 to Kubo, and therefore has been crossed out. The Examiner has cited the correct publication number for Kubo (U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0141769) on the PTO-892 attached to this action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kirschstein et al. (U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0079461). Kirschstein et al. discloses in the Abstract and paragraph #2 and paragraph # 11, an exposure apparatus. Figure 2 discloses a retention system (a substrate stage) for a substrate (wafer) on wafer chuck 12. Paragraphs #2, #3, # 14, # 33, and #65 disclose placing an electronic motor in a vacuum and driving the substrate stage. Paragraphs # 40 and # 63 disclose using water or a fluid to cool the motor to prevent overheat damage to the motor.

4. Claims 1 –10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka et al. (U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0075467 A1) in view of either Kirschstein et al. (U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0079461) or Kwan et al. (U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0006762). Tanaka et al. discloses on page 14, paragraph # 184, an EUV exposure apparatus. Figure 1 discloses an original plate stage RST and a substrate Stage WST. Figure 2 discloses an electromagnetic motors YM and XMA and XMB for driving the substrate stage WST (see page 5, paragraph # 65). Page 6, paragraph # 82, page 7, paragraph # 95, and page 9, paragraph # 124 disclose supplying refrigerant for cooling the armature coils, which would be a cooling means for cooling the electromagnetic motor an amount sufficient to prevent overheat damage of the electromagnetic motor resulting from heat generated by the motor. Page 15, paragraph # 186, discloses having an optical path through which a beam passes placed in a vacuum. With respect to claims 4 and 5, Tanaka et al. discloses in paragraph # 66 supporting in a non-contact manner. In addition paragraph # 131 discloses that Y-axis stationary member 22 is restrained in a non-contact manner. With respect to claims 7 and 8, page 4, paragraph # 57 discloses a fine alignment for detecting the position of a predetermined number of fine alignment marks. In addition, with respect to claims 7 and 8, paragraphs # 126 and # 133 disclose reticle alignment and base line measurement. Tanaka et al does not discloses disposing the electromagnetic motor in a vacuum. Kirschstein et al. discloses in paragraphs #2, #3, #14, #33, and #65 placing an electronic motor in a vacuum and driving the substrate stage. Paragraphs # 40 and # 63 also disclose using water or a fluid to cool the motor to prevent overheat damage to the motor. Kwan et al. discloses in paragraph # 58 placing a motor in a

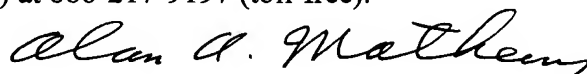
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vacuum environment. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to place the substrate chamber in Tanaka et al. in a vacuum in view of Kirschstein et al. or Kwan et al. for the purpose of better control of impurities and thus producing a better final product.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan A. Mathews whose telephone number is (571) 272-2123. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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